

In the Specification

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the existing Title with the following "A Method for Reducing Cardiovascular Disease Complications Following Surgery."

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the existing Abstract with the following paragraph:

"The present invention relates to methods for reducing cardiovascular complications in a patient following surgery. In particular, the invention relates to the intensive postoperative administration of a β_1 -adrenergic blocking agent to reduce cardiovascular complications."